

### Foreign Students Give First Impressions Of America at Sepulveda PTA Meeting

Various first impressions of America and highlights of their trip to the United States were presented before the Sepulveda PTA group on Thursday evening, May 16, by Christa Volkman and Carl Hoybe, foreign exchange students.

Since 1947, 769 students from Europe, Pakistan and the Philippines have been sponsored by the American Field Service to this country.

"It was surprising to find that a car is a necessity over here in this country," Christa, of Vienna, Austria, commented. In Europe, a car is not necessary. Most of the people cannot afford one. Walking is the accepted mode of transportation and only the rich people have cars," she said.

In comparing European schools to ours, Christa mentioned that there are no co-education schools and school is

attended six days a week. In the high schools there are no written tests. Most of the grading is judged from oral tests.

When asked what impressed her most about America, Christa replied, "the American participation in the preservation of democracy in this country is outstanding. In Austria there is state control of activities and parents do not participate as largely in group activities as they do in America. We do, however, have a democratic form of government."

Christa, who is interested in writing, would like to pursue a career as a journalist when she is through school.

"Out of 1000 or 1500 students who apply for an American Field Service scholarship in Denmark, only 65 Danish students are chosen for this honor," Carl of Copenhagen, Denmark, commented in his speech.

Students are carefully screened with scholastic standing, sports participation and home life considered important qualifications for this scholarship.

"Ability to adjust well to situations and a student's personality are considered equally important in choosing them for a scholarship," stated Carl, who has been elected captain of the tennis team at North Torrance high school.

Carl related highlights of his trip on the small boat bringing foreign exchange students and becoming lost in bustling New York while on a tour of "two blocks" of the city with a Danish friend.

"It was like coming into a new world," Carl said, when the students stepped off the plane at the Los Angeles Airport. "Meet-

ing our new families who were taking us into our homes for the year was interesting."

Carl's most outstanding impression of America, he stated was "the high standard of living in this country."

Mrs. Frank Laine, publicity chairman for the American Field Service chapter in Torrance, mentioned that the purpose of the foreign exchange student program "is to further world peace." The American Field Service raises \$650 to send one student to America for a year.

Christa and Carl will be sent on a two-week bus tour of the United States, staying in private homes along the way, before embarking for Europe this summer.

### 4 BROWNIES INVESTED AS GIRLS SCOUTS

An impressive "fly-up" was held at Perry School last week when four Brownies of Troop 1680 were invested as Girl Scouts. The candlelight ceremony was held in front of a bank of mixed flowers and large green and gold trefoils. Leader Zetta Pedersen presented wings to the Brownies and the investiture followed.

Refreshments for the occasion, and in honor of Kristin Pedersen's birthday, included a beautifully decorated cake made by Mrs. Margery Lee.

The new Girl Scouts are: Kathleen Kelley, Judy Odenthal, Kristin Pedersen, and Karen Soils.



### Ralphs' Guests at Tea

Earl Miller, manager of Ralphs, greets South Bay women who attended the tea and fashion show last Friday. Among those attending were (l-r) Miller, Mmes. Robert Longacre, Kenneth McVey, Charles Pfeffer, Cloyd Kirkpatrick, Thomas Depkovich, John Kesson, W. W. Jackson (rear), Grace Osborne, Helen Romero, Alma Tilley, and Hugh Bowman.—Press Photo.

### WOMEN ATTEND FASHION SHOW, TEA AT RALPHS

About 100 women who are active in various community groups were guests of Ralphs South Bay store, in the new South Bay Shopping Center, last week for a tea and fashion show.

"We were delighted to have you with us, and we are eager to serve you and your organizations in every possible way," said Earl Miller, manager.

Don Miguel Originals, Tabak of California, Alex Coleman and Rose Marie Reid presented 1957 fashions, worn by five models who showed the latest in summer fashions on a pink runway constructed over the frozen food display.

Coffee, tea, and punch, cake and cookies were served during the hour-long showing. The following prizes were won in a drawing for which the guests had registered:

Silver Tea Service, Mrs. Vern Mead, 20016 Anza ave.; Don Miguel Original dress, Mrs. J. H. Junker, 4716 Laurette st.; Alex Coleman dress, Mrs. Flora Clifton, Hawthorne; Rose Marie Reid bathing suit, Mrs. S. J. Dunhouse, 1624 Juniper, Torrance, of the Torrance Woman's Club; and Tabak of California dress, Mrs. O. E. Busbey, Gardena, of the El Camino Faculty Wives club.



### Latest Styles

Fashions from bathing suits to formal attire were modeled Friday at Ralphs' tea and fashion show.—Press Photo

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### Season Starts

New officers of the Torrance High School GAA were announced at a Mother-Daughter banquet May 16. Pictured are four of them who make-ready for the softball season. They are (l-r) Linda Shortes, Rachael Hogan, Verne Christofferson, and Carol Surber.—Press Photo

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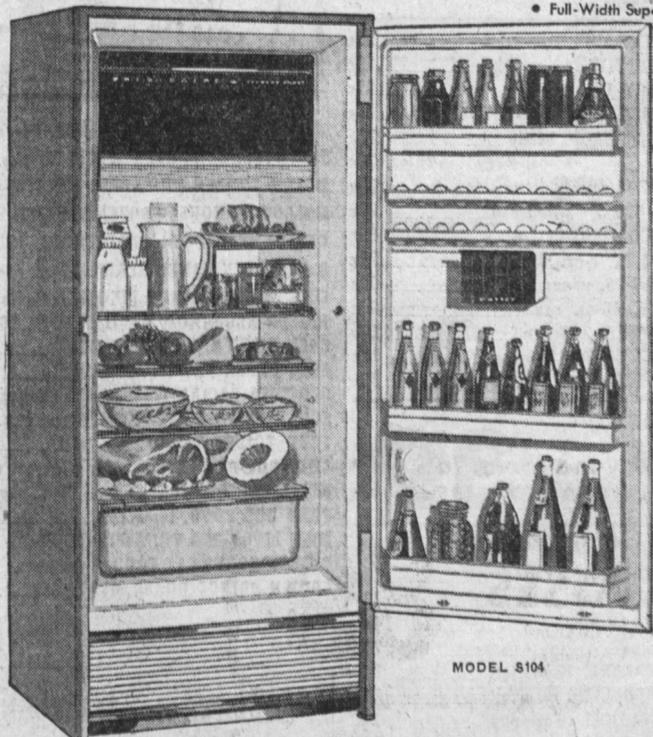
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